

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A mobile device comprising:
 - a) at least one mobile computing application;
 - b) at least one phone application; and
 - c) a user-controllable pivoting input switch having multiple operational modes, wherein a plurality of operational modes direct the operation of the mobile computing application, and a plurality of operational modes direct the operation of the phone application.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the switch pivots about an axis for at least one of the operational modes.
3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the switch is a rotary switch.
4. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the switch is a rocking switch.
5. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein one operational mode requires the rotation of the pivoting switch in the clockwise direction about the axis.
6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein another operational mode requires the rotation of the pivoting switch in the counterclockwise direction about the axis.
7. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein another operational mode requires pressing in the switch.
8. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein another operational mode requires pressing in the switch and holding the switch in this state for a duration of time.
9. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the pressing and holding of the switch directs the phone application to perform a redial operation.
10. (Original) The device of claim 8, wherein the pressing and holding of the switch directs the phone application to terminate an active call session.

11. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein the rotation of the switch directs the phone application to adjust the volume of a phone conversation.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11, wherein the rotation of the switch directs the phone application to adjust the volume of a phone conversation during an active call session.

13-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:

- a) a computing application;
- b) a phone application; and
- c) a user-controllable pivoting input switch that can be operated in at least first and second operational modes, wherein each operational mode directs the operation of the computing and phone applications, wherein the first operational mode requires the switch to pivot in one direction about an axis, and the second operational mode requires the switch to pivot in another direction about the axis;

wherein while the phone application is active, the first and second operational modes direct the phone application to adjust the volume of a phone conversation during an active call session.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a mobile device that has a pivoting input switch, a computing application, and a phone application, the method comprising:

- a) rotating the switch in a first direction to direct the phone application to perform a first operation; and
- b) rotating the switch in the first direction to direct the computing application to perform a second operation.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

pressing in the switch to direct the operation of at least one of the applications.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

placing the switch in a pressed state and holding the switch in the pressed state to direct the operation of at least one of the applications.

24. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:

a) a display screen;

b) a lid removably covering the display screen, said lid having a transparent element that allows at least a portion of the display screen to be visible while the lid covers the display screen;

c) ~~at least one~~ a phone application;

d) a headset socket; and

e) a user-controllable pivoting input switch that directs the operation of the application ~~even when~~ while the lid covers the display screen,

wherein the pivoting input switch allows a user to interact with the phone application while the lid covers the display screen only when an earpiece or headset is plugged into the headset socket.

25. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 24, wherein the lid pivotally couples to the device, wherein the lid can be in at least a retracted state and an extended state, wherein in the retracted state the lid covers the display screen, and in the extended state the lid does not cover the display screen, wherein the lid rotates about ~~is a~~ a pivotal connection to the device to go from one state to another.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~27~~ 24, wherein the pivoting input switch allows the user to initiate a telephone call while the lid covers the display screen.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 24, wherein the application displays a graphical user interface (“GUI”) to a the user, and the pivoting input switch allows a the user to interact with the GUI while the lid covers the display screen.

31-34. (Canceled)

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